IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 14, as set forth below:

This patent application is related to co-pending U.S. Patent Application[[,]] Serial No. 10/003,501 [[_____]], entitled "METHOD AND COMPUTER READABLE MEDIUM FOR SUPPRESSING EXECUTION OF SIGNATURE FILE DIRECTIVES DURING A NETWORK EXPLOIT," filed October 31, 2001, co-assigned herewith; U.S. Patent Application[[,]] Serial No. 10/001,431 [[_____]], entitled "SYSTEM AND METHOD OF DEFINING THE SECURITY CONDITION OF A COMPUTER SYSTEM," filed October 31, 2001, co-assigned herewith; U.S. Patent Application[[,]] Serial No. 10/001,410 [[_____]], entitled "SYSTEM AND METHOD OF DEFINING THE SECURITY VULNERABILITIES OF A COMPUTER SYSTEM," filed October 31, 2001, co-assigned herewith; U.S. Patent Application[[,]] Serial No. 10/002,695 [[_____]], entitled "SYSTEM AND METHOD OF DEFINING UNAUTHORIZED INTRUSIONS ON A COMPUTER SYSTEM," filed October 31, 2001, co-assigned herewith; U.S. Patent Application[[,]] Serial No. 10/002,423 [[_____]], entitled "NETWORK INTRUSION DETECTION SYSTEM AND METHOD," filed October 31, 2001, co-assigned herewith; U.S. Patent Application[[,]] Serial No. 10/001,445 [[_____]], entitled "NODE, METHOD AND COMPUTER READABLE MEDIUM FOR INSERTING AN INTRUSION PREVENTION SYSTEM INTO A NETWORK STACK," filed October 31, 2001, co-assigned herewith; U.S. Patent Application[[,]] Serial No. 10/003,815 [[_____]], entitled "METHOD, COMPUTER-READABLE MEDIUM, AND NODE FOR DETECTING EXPLOITS BASED ON AN INBOUND SIGNATURE OF THE EXPLOIT AND AN OUTBOUND SIGNATURE IN RESPONSE THERETO," filed October 31, 2001, co-assigned herewith; U.S. Patent Application[[,]] Serial No. 10/001,446 [[_____]], entitled "NETWORK, METHOD AND COMPUTER READABLE MEDIUM FOR DISTRIBUTED SECURITY UPDATES TO SELECT NODES ON A NETWORK," filed October 31, 2001, co-assigned herewith; U.S. Patent Application[[,]] Serial No. 10/002,072 [[_____]], entitled "SYSTEM AND METHOD OF AN OS-INTEGRATED INTRUSION DETECTION AND ANTI-VIRUS SYSTEM," filed October 31, 2001, co-assigned herewith; U.S. Patent Application[[,]] Serial No. 10/002,697

[[_____]], entitled "METHOD, NODE AND COMPUTER READABLE MEDIUM FOR IDENTIFYING DATA IN A NETWORK EXPLOIT," filed October 31, 2001, co-assigned herewith; U.S. Patent Application[[,]] Serial No. 10/003,820 [[_____]], entitled "NODE, METHOD AND COMPUTER READABLE MEDIUM FOR OPTIMIZING PERFORMANCE OF SIGNATURE RULE MATCHING IN A NETWORK," filed October 31, 2001, co-assigned herewith; U.S. Patent Application[[,]] Serial No. 10/003,819 [[_____]], entitled "METHOD, NODE AND COMPUTER READABLE MEDIUM FOR PERFORMING MULTIPLE SIGNATURE MATCHING IN AN INTRUSION PREVENTION SYSTEM," filed October 31, 2001, co-assigned herewith; U.S. Patent Application[[,]] Serial No. 10/002,694 [[_____]], entitled "USER INTERFACE FOR PRESENTING DATA FOR AN INTRUSION PROTECTION SYSTEM," filed October 31, 2001, co-assigned herewith; U.S. Patent Application[[,]] Serial No. 10/001,728 [[_____]], entitled "NODE AND MOBILE DEVICE FOR A MOBILE TELECOMMUNICATIONS NETWORK PROVIDING INTRUSION DETECTION," filed October 31, 2001, co-assigned herewith; U.S. Patent Application[[,]] Serial No. 10/003,510 [[_____]], entitled "METHOD AND COMPUTER-READABLE MEDIUM FOR INTEGRATING A DECODE ENGINE WITH AN INTRUSION DETECTION SYSTEM," filed October 31, 2001, co-assigned herewith; U.S. Patent Application[[,]] Serial No. 10/002,064 [[_____]], entitled "SYSTEM AND METHOD OF GRAPHICALLY DISPLAYING DATA FOR AN INTRUSION PROTECTION SYSTEM," filed October 31, 2001, co-assigned herewith; and U.S. Patent Application[[,]] Serial No. 10/001,350 [[_____]], entitled "SYSTEM AND METHOD OF GRAPHICALLY CORRELATING DATA FOR AN INTRUSION PROTECTION SYSTEM," filed October 31, 2001, co-assigned herewith.